



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

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### NAVAJO/APACHE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

#### EARLY LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM

#### REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

**FTF-RC015-10-0015-00**

#### FACT SHEET

### WHAT IS THE INTENT OF THIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY?

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The First Things First Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council recognizes that there are many things parents and caregivers can do to help children get off to a good start and establish healthy patterns for life-long learning. Also, research has shown that Family Literacy Programs that integrate: 1) Early childhood education, 2) Adult literacy or adult basic education, 3) Parent education and 4) Parent-Child literacy activities have the greatest opportunities for success.

Additionally, studies have shown that shared-reading interventions can have a significant, substantial and positive impact both on young children's oral language skills and on young children's print knowledge, both reading readiness indicators needed for learning to read. Families and communities play a critical role in helping children get ready for school. Efforts to improve school readiness are most effective when they embrace the rich cultural and language background of families and children. Research from the *National School Readiness Indicators Report* shows that "efforts to improve school readiness must address three interrelated components: 1) children's readiness for school, 2) school's readiness for children and 3) the capacity of families and communities to provide developmental opportunities for their young children."

The Council intends to fund programs that expand the capacity of early language and literacy programs to provide support and services to young children and their families. Model strategies support serving the needs and concerns of the family rather than serving individual family members in isolation.

## **WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?**

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Approximately \$39,000 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

## **PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS**

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| March 5, 2009   | Notice of Intent/Fact Sheet available to the public  |
| March 5, 2009   | RFGA available on-line   |
| March, 12, 2009 | Pre-application Conference<br>Blue Ridge High School, 1:30 p.m.-6:00 pm,<br>1200 W. White Mountain Blvd., Lakeside, AZ 85929 |
| April, 16, 2009 | Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 10:00 a.m.  |
| July 1, 2009    | Anticipated grant awards made  |

## **HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA.**

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Please visit the First Things First web site on or after March 5, 2009: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

## **QUESTIONS?**

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All questions must be submitted in writing and include FTF-RC015-10-0015-00 in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at [grants@azftf.gov](mailto:grants@azftf.gov) or via fax at (602) 265-0009.